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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ELAB, ILO

SUBJECT:ILO JOINT STATEMENT BY SECRETARIES OF STATE, LABOR  
AND COMMERCE

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PRESS BRIEFING:

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A LETTER ON NOVEMBER 5, 1975 GIVING THE REQUIRED TWO-YEAR  
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THAT LETTER, IT WAS STATED:

"THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT DESIRE TO LEAVE THE ILO. THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT EXPECT TO DO SO. BUT WE DO INTEND TO MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO PROMOTE THE CONDITIONS

WHICH WILL FACILITATE OUR CONTINUED PARTICIPATION. IF THIS SHOULD PROVE IMPOSSIBLE, WE ARE IN FACT PREPARED TO DEPART."

THOSE VIEWS ARE NO LESS VALID TODAY. THEY WILL GUIDE OUR ACTIONS AND OUR ULTIMATE DECISION IN THE CRITICAL MONTHS AHEAD. END TEXT.

3. STATEMENT NOT RPT NOT ISSUED AS WHITE HOUSE PRESS RELEASE.  
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AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY GEORGETOWN

AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

AMEMBASSY LIMA

AMEMBASSY MEXICO

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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